

Appendix A: Citizen Input

Frisco Arts

Since opening in October 2010, the Black Box Theater, Frisco Art Gallery and Special Event Center have achieved tremendous success, and we continue to grow and expand our audience and our clients each year. While our average monthly attendance for 2011 was approximately two-thousand, in 2014 we have already welcomed over seventy-thousand guests through the month of October. Each month in 2014 we have scheduled an average of 99.5 classes, performances, meetings, exhibits, services, etc., and the 2015 calendar is filling up. We host both local and regional groups who use the space, many of them regular, repeat clients, and we even have an occasional traveling performance from New York or a traveling exhibit from South America.

Many of the clients who use the theater and other spaces are seeing their own growth, just as we are. As a result, there is a demand for more and larger spaces. Some of our own local community art groups and beneficiaries have outgrown the 100 seat Black Box Theater, and we turn away new groups on a regular basis who need more space, both in the theater and in our classrooms. On any given evening, it is not unusual for Frisco Arts to host four to six different groups in various spaces: performing, meeting, rehearsing, learning, celebrating.

The response to the theater, gallery and event space has been extraordinary, and as a result, we already need and could utilize a larger theater and more auxiliary space just to accommodate our current clients and guests. Each year we have seen growth, and we know that trend will only continue as Frisco grows. Please join us in advocating for a new, larger art facility.

*****All statistics are for Frisco Arts only and do not include Sci-Tech guests or events.*

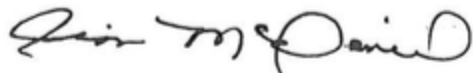
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Members of the Citizen Bond Committee:

As an educator for the past 39 years, it has become clear that the value that is placed in Music Education and the Arts in general, has prepared our students to be successful in a world that is in need of open minded, "big picture" thinkers. I have witnessed that what we teach in an Arts classroom is transferred into the multi-faceted lives of our students. Our students understand the meaning of leadership, responsibility, dedication, integrity and excellence.

Frisco is a dynamic and growing city where students are receiving a wonderful Arts Education in the public schools. With world class organizations such as the Dallas Cowboys, Professional Hockey Teams like the Stars practicing at the Dr Pepper Arena, exciting FC Dallas Major League Soccer at Toyota Stadium, the Rough Riders minor league baseball at the Dr Pepper Ballpark, the Texas Legends NBA D-League basketball at the Dr Pepper Arena Stadium, as well as Big Businesses, the need for a Performing Arts Center is necessary for the health and welfare of the community. It would provide a quality venue for our students and local professionals to perform; as well as draw big name performers from across the country. As an extension of the wonderful music education program in Frisco ISD, we have just introduced the Frisco Youth Orchestra, and in the fall of 2015 plan to present the Frisco Symphony Orchestra. We would love to join our surrounding neighbors; Allen, Garland, Plano, Richardson, South Lake Carroll and others in providing a Performing Arts Center for our community. Daniel Barenboim wrote *"Every great work of art has two faces, one toward his/her own time, and one toward eternity."* I hope that we can work together to bring a legacy of the Arts to Frisco by building a Performance Center for all to enjoy.

Professionally,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jim McDaniel". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Jim" and last name "McDaniel" clearly distinguishable.

Mr. Jim McDaniel
Director of Fine Arts Frisco ISD; Retired

IGMAA (Institute of Global Music and Arts)

We use the Black Box Theater for our events regularly since 2010. We organize 4 events in a year at Frisco Discovery Center at Black Box Theater with audience of 100 to 130. We organize two to three events in a year outside Frisco in Garland, Plano, Lewisville, Irving, and Richardson.

We are associated with few other organizations who organize several events in a year focusing on musical concerts/ classical dance/ dramas etc. They have been looking for venue in Frisco area as well. So, if you build a bigger facility, I can guarantee at least 10 events or more with audience 300 to 500. Every weekend there is one or the other Indian organizations looking for a venue for their events.

We organize bigger events as well which needs bigger hall with more seating capacity and more lighting arrangements on the stage. You have our organization IGMAA's full support for the efforts of building a larger facility for performing arts.

Saravanan Rathinasabapathy
Director of IGMAA

Heritage Association of Frisco

As both a consumer of the arts and a parent of a FISD band student I am very much in support of a Performing Arts Center in Frisco. Having a variety of arts and cultural opportunities available to citizens of a city attracts and keeps people in that city. Frisco is fortunate to have a variety of eating, shopping, sports, and movie choices. Creating arts offerings in the city would add to that mix, providing the kind of variety that makes a city not only a place to move to, but truly a community to live in.

I believe there will prove to be widespread community support for a Performing Arts center in Frisco. Frisco Independent School District has done a wonderful job creating successful band, choir, and theatre programs. Speaking as a parent of a band kid I believe that having a place for performing arts students to observe performers at a higher level of skill would be welcomed by band parents and their children and would provide essential support for the FISD performing Arts programs. The number of music stores in Frisco demonstrates amply the community involvement in the performing arts.

J. Brett Adams
Professor of History, Collin College-Preston Ridge Campus
President, Heritage Association of Frisco
Band Dad

McKinney Summer Musicals

The McKinney Summer Musicals produces a large scale summer musical production each July, with an average of 500 audience members for each of six shows. The largely volunteer cast and crew number approximately 100 while the professional orchestra ranges in size from 8 to 25 members. The summer production is held in a McKinney ISD high school theater. The McKinney ISD remains very supportive of our summer production. Both MSM and the MISD work around the MISD summer schedule availability.

MSM also performs productions on a smaller scale, in smaller venues, with audience attendance numbering approximately 300.

MSM is interested in performing space options and affordable availability to mount our shows and is excited about the City of Frisco's interest in a Performing Arts Facility. A "PAC" would allow options for MSM productions throughout the year.

As well, a "PAC" would reflect a progressive and arts oriented philosophy that corporations and businesses desire to know exists in order to re-locate individuals and families to Frisco. One only has to look at the Eisemann Center in Richardson to see how that facility draws visitors and their dollars to Richardson.

Kevyn Roberston
Director of McKinney Summer Musicals
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McKinney Area Christian Homeschoolers Association theater (MArCH)

My name is DeAnna Stone and I have been a part of the Theater community for years. For the last 11 years, I have participated with the McKinney Area Christian Homeschoolers Association theater (MArCH).

Every show sells out at the Black Box Theater and we are currently facing turning away many family members for the upcoming show of Sound of Music as the show will sell out in about 24 hours. The shows sell out before we even have the chance to open the tickets up to the general community. That is so disappointing for the community as Frisco has a large population of "empty nesters" that would seek opportunity to support the local students.

Of course, you are already aware of the great need in Frisco for a larger venue. We have been in Frisco for 13 years and have experienced the community all directions: shopping, sports, dining, entertainment, family events, etc. It is my opinion that speaks for the community as a whole.....I can tell you that I would not want to move back to my home town.

Deanna Stone

Frisco Supporters for a Performing Arts Facility:

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Kristin Yost (*Executive Director, Centre for Musical Minds*)
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Kellie Patrick-Getty (*Vice-Chair, Frisco Area Children's Theatre*)
Kendall Carter (*Director, Frisco Chorale*)
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Susan Thomas (*President, Council of PTA*)
Donna Schmittler (*Public Art Board*)
David Halper (*Frisco Jazz Band*)
Jim McDaniel (*FISD Fine Arts Director, Retired*)
Jane Damon (*Past President, Visual Arts Guild of Frisco*)
Korinna Kirchoff (*Past President, Frisco Arts*)

Outside Frisco:

Kevyn Robertson (*Director, McKinney Summer Musicals*)
Deanne Dexter (*McKinney Area Christian Homeschoolers Association theater*)
Susan McIntyre (*Dallas Opera, Major Gifts Officer*)
Mark Landson (*Director, Open Classical DFW*)
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Cecilia and Bill Nicholson
Phyllis Gasmann
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Shirley Cameron
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